

Application No. 09/841,044
Supplemental Amendment
Reply to Office Action of September 08, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

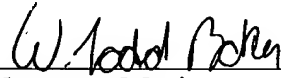
Favorable reconsideration of this application as currently amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24, 44-51, and 53-63 are presently active in this case. The specification has been amended by way of the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Masayasu Mori
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 47,301
W. Todd Baker
Registration No. 45,265

Customer Number

22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 08/03)

I:\ATTY\Wtb\206584US\SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT 29 MAR 04.DOC